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Description: f. i + iv + 70 + 18 + i - Fifteenth century, England. Covered first with thin, white tawed skin, second with a tawed skin chemise, third with heavy tawed skin originally sewn to the chemise. One fastening, the catch on the lower board, the upper one cut in for the strap which is wanting. Sewn on three supports attached to oak boards and pegged with wedges set at an angle. The spine is back beveled. Later additions include title, in ink, near head of upper board: "Gesta Alexandri Magni M.S." Repaired at head and tail of spine; rebacked. - Purchased from C.A. Stonehill in 1959 by Thomas E. Marston. - Shailor, B. Catalogue of Medieval and Renaissance Manuscripts in the Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Marston MS 252.

Notes: -Manuscript on parchment, composed in three parts. Part I consists of short aphorisms, prayers, recipes, etc. added in the 15th century; and the recopied Prologue to Part II. Part II: Gautier de Chatillon, Alexandreis, with Bks. I-VIII.307 (ff. 1-70) written by a 13th-century scribe and the remainder of the text (Part III) copied in the 15th century. Followed by short texts in Latin and Middle English similar to those in Part I.

Number of Parts: 1 - *Number of Images Available:* 0

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Language: Latin *Country:* England *Century:* 13th

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Part 1:

Description: - parchment - 157 x 111 (101 x 51) mm.

Country: England

Region: England

Assigned Date: [between 1200 and 1235, 1400 and 1500]

Dated by scribe: No

Document: No

Cardinal point:

City:

Searchable Date Range: 1200 - 1500

Inscribed Date:

Number of Scribes:

Script: Part I (ff. i recto-iv verso): Written by several cursive hands of a decidedly English character. Part II (ff. 1-70): Written in early gothic bookhand, above top line. Part III (ff. 71-88): Written in well-formed English cursive script. Texts in art. 8 in a variety of cursive hands.

Notes: Part I: At the beginning of art. 6, text begins with blue 3-line initial with red herringbone penwork designs and the additional letters R and N, in blue, whose significance is unclear. Part II: Divided initial red and black with simple penwork designs in one or both colors for major text divisions; plain red initials elsewhere. First letter of each verse separated from text between bounding lines and stroked with red; paragraph marks in black. T-O map of the world, f. 7v. Part III: Decorative initials similar to those in Part I. Loss of considerable text from f. 56 to end due to severe rodent damage. Binding: Fifteenth century, England. Covered first with thin, white tawed skin, second with a tawed skin chemise, third with heavy tawed skin originally sewn to the chemise. One fastening, the catch on the lower board, the upper one cut in for the strap which is wanting. Sewn on three supports attached to oak boards and pegged with wedges set at an angle. The spine is back beveled. Later additions include title, in ink, near head of upper board: "Gesta Alexandri Magni M.S." Repaired at head and tail of spine; rebacked.

Number of Texts: 1

Text 1:

Author: Walter of Châtillon fl. 1170-1180.

Title: Gesta Alexandri Magni, etc.

Subjects: Alexander, the Great, 356-323 B.C.; Walter, of Châtillon, fl. 1170-1180.; Aphorisms and apothegms--Early works to 1800.; Manuscripts, Medieval--Connecticut--New Haven.; Prose poems, Latin (Medieval and modern);

Language(s): Latin